(c) what are main features of the same;

(d) whether Pakistan would also be involved in this agreement;

(e) whether they have also clarified that the "Line of Actual Control" in "next step" in boundary talks between two countries; and

(f) whether India and China during Chinese Premier visit to India in April, 2005 signed agreements on guiding principles and political parameters to resolve the boundary dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) In official talks with India, the Chinese side has not proposed conducting border trade with Jammu and Kashmir state of India.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Yes, Sir.

Thailand's Prime Minister Visit to India

†3168. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister of Thailand had recently visited India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the leaders with whom Prime Minister of Thailand had held talks;

(d) the issues on which the leaders of both the countries were in consensus; and

(e) the details of the agreements and MoUs signed with him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) The Thai Prime Minister Dr. Thaksin Shinawatra paid a working visit to India on 3rd June 2005

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along with a 13-member delegation including the Foreign Minister and the Minister of Science & Technology. The talks covered a wide range of bilateral issues including FTA negotiations, civil aviation matters, and cooperation in the areas of tourism, science & technology, defence, security, culture and disaster relief. Cooperation in regional forums such as ASEAN and BIMSTEC, and on multilateral issues, was also discussed.

The Thai Prime Minister held talks with the Prime Minister. He also met the Chairperson of the UPA and the Minister for Human Resource Development.

An Educational Exchange Programme covering a wide range of exchange and collaborative activities between the educational institutions of India and Thailand was signed by Shri Arjun Singh, Minister for HRD and the Thai Foreign Minister Dr. Kantathi Suphamongkhon on 3rd June 2005.

Agency to Assist Indians Imprisoned in Foreign Jails

3169. PROF P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any special agency to track and deal and assist Indians who are being held in various prisons around the world;

(b) if so, the details of this agency;

(c) to what extent this agency has been able to focus on arranging helpful release all over the world during the last three years;

(d) what steps Government propose to strengthen the existing machinery to help Indians in difficult straits all over the world; and

(e) the details of such plans finalized by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) Indian Missions and Posts abroad have standing instructions to immediately take up with the relevant local authorities any case concerning the detention or imprisonment of an Indian national abroad. On receipt of information, our Missions and Posts abroad render every possible assistance within the rules to the detained Indian nationals and try to get them released, if possible. In countries with large concentration of Indian workers (*e.g.* Gulf), our Missions